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Volkspolizei Dienststelle in Frankenberg

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 March 1952, the reorganization of the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Frankenberg was under way. The unit numbered about 1,500 police and was still organized into 3 infantry Kommandos, 1 heavy Kommando and 7 Sonderabteilungen. The mortar, AT artillery, AAA, motorcycle, rifle and armored Sonderabteilungen had been administratively assigned to the 4th Kommando, but continued their previous training. The 6th Sonderabteilung (mortar) was allegedly to be assigned as 5th Battery to the artillery Kommando. The infantry Kommandos consisted of 3 rifle Abteilungen, 1 heavy machine gun Abteilung and 1 medium mortar Abteilung each. The latter was equipped with 6 to 8 x 80-mm mortars, while the 6th Sonderabteilung had 1 German and 1 Soviet 122-mm mortar. No live ammunition was observed with the unit.

2. The following officers of the unit [redacted] by last name and position only:

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VP Inspekteur Rentzsch	Commanding officer.
VP Kommandeur Elchner	PK chief.
VP Rat Braeutigam	Deputy commanding officer.
VP Oberrat Fiedler	Chief of staff.
VP Kommandeur Schmueser	Director of training.
VP Kommandeur Brenner	Chief instructor of armored training.
VP Rat Schrapf	Administrative officer.
VP Rat Koenig	Field grade officer.
VP Rat Lehman	Field grade officer.
VP Rat Keil	Commanding officer of the 4th Kommando.

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* [redacted] Comment. The report is at variance with a previous report on the VPD in Frankenberg. [redacted]. Whereas the reference report expressly stated that some of the Sonderabteilungen were incorporated into the Kommandos, the present report only mentions an administrative assignment. Organization and missions of the infantry Kommandos and Sonderabteilungen have apparently remained unchanged. This is the first report to refer to a heavy Kommando, probably a new designation for the former artillery Kommando. As all the other reports on the reorganization of the VPDs stated that some of the Sonderabteilungen were incorporated into the infantry Kommandos and the artillery Kommando, it is doubted that the reorganization of the VPD as given in the present report is correct. A clear picture of the situation cannot be obtained on the basis of available information.

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